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EXAMINING GROUP 2157
Docket No.: 826.1517

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Minoru KURIKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/189,410

Group Art Unit: 2157

Confirmation No. 5479

Filed: November 10, 1998

Examiner: A. Caldwell

For: MESSAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, MESSAGE MANAGEMENT METHOD AND
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR STORING MESSAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on August 21, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 21, 2003.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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